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Mr. Godiva



A naked, unidentified bicyclist in a rainbow ski mask streaked through campus Wednesday afternoon. The streaker turned a few heads but didn't cause much of a commotion. Shannon Velez for the Kaimin

Professor puts Mexican history in a nutshell

Spiro Polomarkakis
for the Kaimin

A UCLA professor zipped through hundreds of years of Mexican history in an hour and a half Wednesday night at a UM lecture, "Culture Change and the Mexican People: Macrostructural Identity."

James Diego Vigil, a professor of anthropology at UCLA, spoke about the three major stages of the Mexican people: from Indians, to peasants and then immigrants.

Most people think that Mexicans have always been Mexicans, Vigil explained. But before Mexico became colonized by the Spaniards, it was a land made up of indigenous people, mostly consisting of Indians.

"When the Spaniards came to Mexico the whole class system was changed," Vigil explained. "And those who were an indigenous people were forced to become peasants."

This was one of the major turning points in Mexican history, Vigil said. It is called the Spanish colonial period, an era when the Indians

of Mexico were exploited and forced to learn a new language and a new religion, Vigil said.

During this time over 20 million Indians were "wiped out," Vigil said.

Africans were then brought in to make up for the lack of a work force capable of producing the cash crops Spaniards desired, Vigil said. This ultimately created a mixed race and culture for those who would later be known as Mexicans.

The slides of Vigil's travels through Mexico over the years revealed a mixed culture and rich remnants of a period when Indians ruled the land. Vigil traveled throughout Mexico in his VW bus, stopping to take pictures of village people and ancient ruins.

At one point during his trip, he explained, he encountered a river that he could only cross by an old, dilapidated wooden barge. The first time was harrowing. The second time he decided to prepare: Tequila procured from a local liquor store was the prescription.

"After the tequila, I didn't care," Vigil said.

His slides also revealed that some Mexicans

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ASUM candidates give issues lip service

Melanthia Mitchell
Montana Kaimin

In a UC forum all of the ASUM Senate candidates agreed Wednesday that there should be more student involvement in government, state money for higher education and student diversity at UM.

Of the 33 candidates still vying for the 20 ASUM seats, 23 attended the forum.

"Before you get students involved you have to get students informed," candidate Hayes Lindsey said.

Like Lindsey, all candidates agreed the key to student involvement is increasing students' knowledge of

the campus and ASUM's role on campus. UM needs to provide a venue where students can be heard expressing their opinions, the candidates said. Some candidates wanted more open forums and opinion polls for students to participate in student government.

"It's important to know what's going on. We all have a voice and an opinion and we all need to be heard," candidate Elizabeth Pierce said.

With an increase in student participation, candidates said they believe UM will have more lobbying

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Dental cramping a pain for students

Phillip Gomez
for the Kaimin

Students have been flocking to the dentist this past school year, so much so that students can't get an appointment for a checkup at the Student Dental Service for the rest of the semester. Appointments with dental hygienists for teeth cleanings are still available, however.

"We're trying to fill those any way we can," said Tim Garrett, director of dental services. "We have a ton of cleaning spots available."

But for regular examinations or routine check ups, it's too late this year. The clinic blacked out the calendar in mid-March to allow room for emergencies and

other more urgent, scheduled treatments. Students are also limited to routine X-rays and check ups once every two years.

"We've been extremely busy," Garrett said of the past academic year, "the busiest I've seen in the three-and-a-half years I've been here."

The clinic, located down the hall from the health service reception area, lacks office space, Garrett said. That's the main reason why only two dentists are available to serve the campus community, he said.

Some students are being turned away. Chris Pohl couldn't get an appointment. The senior in anthropology is gradu-

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Student won't face charges in poster mishap

Freshman who says she was assaulted by Laura Valley says she feels remorseful

Jim Wilkson
Montana Kaimin

The UM student who allegedly tried to steal a poster from Lady Griz basketball player Laura Valley's house will not be charged with theft, said UM Police Lt. Charles Gatewood.

"The arresting officer could have gone either way (on charging her), and he chose not to," Gatewood said. "It was at his discretion and he chose not to."

The incident occurred the night of Saturday, April 2 at a party at Valley's house in the South Hills.

Christy Dana, a freshman in art whom Valley told the Kaimin she attacked for trying to steal the poster, said the incident began around 10:45 p.m. when she and some friends found the poster lying on the floor.

"We kept stepping on this poster that was laying on the floor," Dana said. "It said something like 'Go Griz,' and were joking that we should take it and put it up in our (dorm) hall."

Dana then left the house through the front door with the poster in hand. Valley saw Dana take the poster and pursued her outside.

"I didn't even notice she was behind me until I got to the car," Dana said.

Dana said Valley then attacked, hitting her in the head several times.

Valley then took the poster back and returned to the party.

"It was scary," Dana said, adding that she ended up with several bruises and a swelling on her head. She later visited Curry Health Center for treatment.

Dana said that contrary to Valley's claims, she was not drunk at the time.

"I was driving, so I didn't get drunk at the party," Dana said. She then left the party with her friends and returned to campus.

Later, when Dana talked to UM police, she told them about the poster but the police didn't charge her.

"I don't know why I wasn't charged with theft," Dana said. "I don't know what the circumstances are for theft. I guess I didn't end up with anything."

Dana said she is remorseful about the incident.

"I really do feel bad about taking the poster, I guess I just didn't think it was that big of a deal at the time," Dana said. "Even though I did take the poster, no one has the right to do something like that to another person. I don't care if she's a basketball player, she shouldn't have done something like that."

OPINION

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Politics

Arrogant America should send Elian home

Won't it be a nice moment this week for 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez when armed U.S. marshals decide to smash down the door to his relatives' home, tear him away from his grandmother and into a patrol car in front of thousands of screaming protestors? Lovely. Everyone on both sides should be so proud when this fine moment occurs. If only we could trot out a kindergartner every election year to use as a political pawn to garner a minority group's vote, perhaps nothing important would ever be said again in this country.

Enough is enough. Send the boy home with his father. If Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives have any respect for the United States, any love for Elian, they'll give up this losing battle and let his father take him home to Cuba the most sensible way — peaceably.

"This case is heartbreaking for everyone involved," said Attorney General Janet Reno. "But we believe the law is clear. The father must speak for the little boy because of the sacred bond between parent and child must be recognized and honored."

Of course Cuba is a rotten place run by a terrible man. Elian Gonzalez means less to Fidel Castro than yesterday's cigar butts. And yes, Castro is loving every minute of this, making big bad America out to truly be the arrogant capitalist pigs he's always claimed we are. (Who'd have thought he'd have been so right about the arrogant part?)

The underlying idea Elian's Miami relatives so conveniently forget is perhaps the most profound. The difference between our system and that of Cuba is that we have faith in the legal structure. We adhere to the law. Castro does not and never will. Federal Judge K. Michael Moore said the lawsuit to keep Elian in America was "well-intended," but the bond between a parent and a child must be recognized. In America, citizens put faith in a court system that binds even the most powerful. Law in Cuba is whatever one man decides. Failing to adhere to our court system only plays right into Castro's hands.

Ultimately, no one has produced any evidence that Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, is unfit in any way. Do we really have any right to suggest that because Juan Miguel Gonzalez cannot offer his son a materialistic life of McDonald's Happy Meals, Pokemon cards and Disneyworld that it makes him less of a father? It's typical capitalist thinking and it's wrong. Having more does not make you better off.

There are millions piled on top of millions of 6-year-old children around the world who have less than Elian. And here is the real shocker: (gasp!) many of them live in this country. There is no clamor for their rights, shouting over their best interests or grandstanding by politicians on their "supposed" behalf.

It's not this country's right to decide a communist life is a terrible one. That's '80s propaganda. While it certainly has its flaws, the United States legal system is the most fair and just in the world. The decision has been made. If the situation were reversed, would we really want Elian taken from poor but loving parents simply because a rich relative could give him a "better life?"

— Kevin Van Valkenburg

The Good Book says ... No tax break for you!

Column by



Matt Gouras

All of this hullabaloo about gay marriage does not seem to be going

away any time soon. State legislatures continue to grapple with it, the halls of Congress are ripe with the debate and the whole messy affair has even troubled the likes of our own Board of Regents (a.k.a. Boring Regents).

As best as I can tell, proponents want tax breaks, 401K benefits, IRA deductions and health insurance. Opponents are adamant about enforcing a moral code through tax breaks and health insurance.

Either way, marriage has turned into a financial arrangement, a merger of two corporations intended to streamline the resulting corporation. The new corporation will have less overhead (one health insurance policy, etc.) and will receive the monetary benefits of entering into a merger blessed by the auditors (tax breaks). And apparently the old-school corporation (straight marriage) is not taking a fancy to the proposed mergers of these upstarts coming out of the closet.

Legalizing gay marriage would mean the new corporations would also carry a long list of financial benefits.

It's now time to update our tax code to properly, and wholly, embrace our acceptance of marriage as a financial merger.

It seems that the reason opponents won't allow gay marriage is because they find it morally reprehensible. They feel the marital institution is sacred and tax breaks and health insurance should only be given to those who uphold the sanctity of marriage. Where does this notion that gay marriage is reprehensible come from? I believe it comes from a moral code deeply rooted in the puritan tradition of our country. In short, it comes from the Bible. "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman, it is an abomination," and so on.

It's time to be fair. If we are going to penalize gay partners for not abiding by our tradition of piety, then we should update the tax code to penalize all of those who sully the sanctity of the marriage vow.

It's a simple program I propose. Currently, married couples get a tax credit along with a few other fringe benefits. Gay couples do not receive this blessing, because they have soiled the holy covenant. Here's how we can update the tax code to more correctly and justly enforce the moral code we seem to embrace:

1) No sex while the woman of the marriage is menstruating. It's in the Good Book (three verses before the passage denouncing gay sex in Leviticus 18), so let's enforce it. This is a small offense that

the Bible only requires mild atonement for — seven days of bathing and the sacrifice of two turtle doves or pigeons. Most people generally don't have turtle doves about to pay with, so we'll enforce this rule with a the tax penalty that is relatively small. Henceforth, each transgression of this rule during the previous tax year will penalize a couple a fifth of the tax break currently enjoyed.

2) Infidelity. This is a biggie. In most cases, Leviticus requires both parties be put to death (including in the instance of bestiality). Fortunately this message was tempered a little bit later on in the Good Book. But, I'm sorry to say, it will still result in a stern look from our updated tax code: If half of the marriage commits adultery, no tax break. If both parties find enjoyment with another outside of the marriage, then there shall be a tax PENALTY equal to the amount of the original tax credit. Sorry, Frank Gifford.

3) Second, third, and fourth marriages. If the prior marriages were terminated due to death, etc. and the proper mourning period was observed, then a full tax break shall be granted the ensuing marriage. If the divorce(s) was for fickle or arbitrary reasons, then no tax break will be enjoyed. Also, no joint 401K plans, and no deductions for children since they are really all bastards. Sorry, we can't make exceptions here. The IRS can now be expected to collect huge sums from parties living in the 90210 zip code.

4) Gettin' it on. The Good Book requires that you sexually please your spouse (1 Corinthians 7). Every failure to do so will cost you one tenth of your tax credit.

5) Coveting. Lusting after your neighbor's wife will cost you big bucks, too. Each instance of lust will cost you a fifth of your tax break. As you can see, this will add up quickly. Just five covets will cost you your entire tax credit. For every covet thereafter, a PENALTY in the amount of one fifth the original credit shall be assessed. Loophole: move to a neighborhood of ugly people. It will be less costly. (Tip: try East Missoula.)

6) Incest. "Knowing" your sisters, brothers, daughters or sons will result in indentured servitude to the IRS. These are costly crimes. If your children "know" each other, then you lose all tax credits associated with them, including educational IRS funds, etc. Sorry Angelina Jolie, that sloppy, open-mouth kiss you gave your brother at the Oscars just cost you dearly.

Alas, there are a lot of rules required of the marital bed by the Bible. I did not address them all, but I believe this is a good start.

Enforcing our moral code through federally-bestowed financial blessings is no small task. A byzantine bureaucracy with KGB-esque informers will be required to by the IRS, but this is a small price to pay in the name of being just and properly enforcing the Moral Code.

After all, fair is fair.

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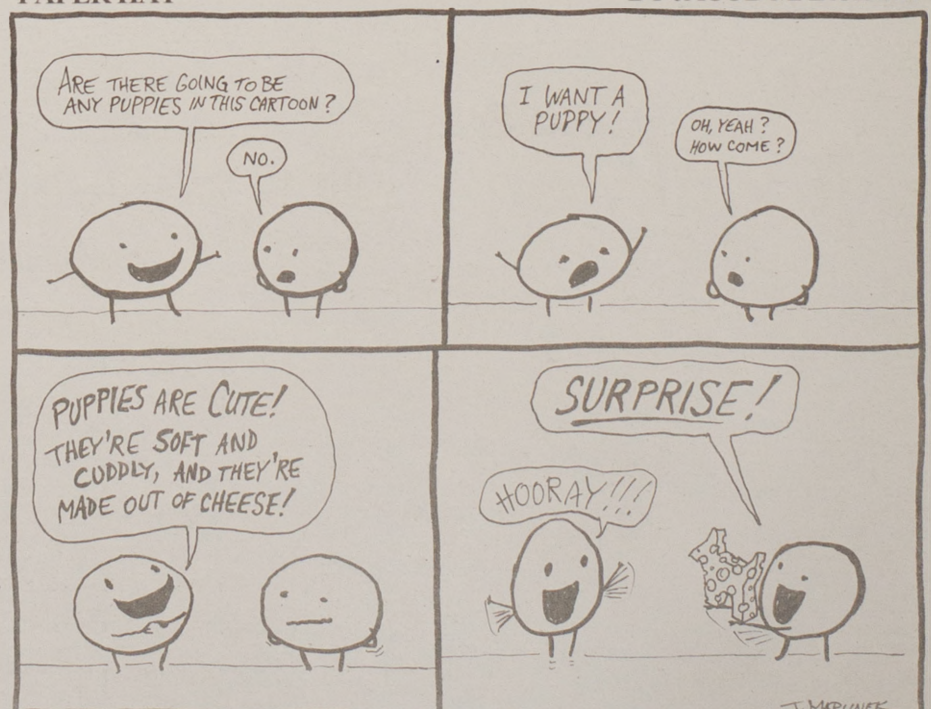
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PAPER HAT

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Forum



Freshman Kris Monson was one of the 24 ASUM candidates who spoke Wednesday at the UC. Ten of the 33 ASUM candidates did not show up to speak.

power next year. All the candidates made a point to express their concerns with UM's lack of legislative support. State support will provide approximately 43 percent of UM's total general operating revenue, a number the

candidates said is an insult to the campus.

ASUM Sen. Chris Lockridge said he wants to lobby the Legislature aggressively. Lockridge sees an increase in funding as the solution to such problems as student retention; faculty wages and education. Fellow candidate Alex Rosenleaf said that an increase in funding will decrease students' costs at UM.

"You shouldn't have to go into mass amounts of debt to attend a public university in

Montana," Rosenleaf said.

All of the candidates recognized the importance of continuing to build a diverse community. All candidates agreed that regardless of a person's race, sexual orientation or political views, it is vital to first recognize people's differences in order to understand their similarities.

ASUM Sen. Gisele Forrest wants to see the responsibility of diversity awareness shared by all of the campus. She said she will push to

have administration, faculty and staff attend mandatory diversity meetings.

There will be an executive candidate debate in the UC Atrium on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. UM students vote for candidates on April 19 and 20. Voting times are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but locations are still to be announced.

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Dental

ating next month and was hoping to get one last examination.

"I'm graduating — that's my gripe," he said. "I paid all this money for health service and I can't utilize it because they're so booked up." Pohl said he was upset because there were only two dentists to serve 12,000 students. His only recourse, he was told, is to wait until summer semester, make an appointment and pay an extra \$30 because he will no longer be a student.

"Two dentists for 12,000 stu-

dents! That's pretty crazy," he said. "It's not like I'm waiting until the last week and trying to squeeze it in."

Garrett, recently appointed as head of the dental service, shares students' perspectives, but from the other side of the reception desk.

"What happens is people realize they're graduating and they want to get an appointment in the last month," he said. "It's been crazy."

At the health service recep-

tion desk, Sue Strazyk waits on students needing to see a doctor or nurse. The medical office there also "tries to do everything by appointment" she said. "It always gets a lot busier toward the end of semester," she said.

The Curry Health Center,

with six doctors on staff, four full-time, doesn't have the office space problem or the staff shortage the dental clinic has. But it's a rare occasion when students aren't standing in line waiting to be served.

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ASUM vice president moves to impeach two senators

*Dam resolution held,
transcript resolution
passed*

Melanthia Mitchell
Montana Kaimin

ASUM Vice President Jerry Lamb motioned to impeach two senators for lack of attendance in ASUM meetings and committees at Wednesday's meeting. The meager number of resolutions brought to the Senate only reiterated the problem.

Lamb made the motion to impeach Sens. Kerry Murphy and Tim Baumgartner. He stressed the importance of attendance in meetings and said

that not showing up reflected a lack of concern from the senators.

"It really hasn't been an issue this year until recently," Lamb said. "This is specifically by responsibility and I can be lenient in some areas, but it can only go so far."

Student Political Action Director Erin White said the Milltown Dam resolution she had planned to bring to the Senate was returned because members of the SPA committee were absent. Rules in ASUM require that in order for a resolution to be passed in committee there must be a quorum of at least two-thirds of its members.

As mandated by the ASUM bylaws, the impeachment motion can't be decid-

ed upon until the next meeting. Lamb said he will take that time to discuss with the two senators the reasons for their unexcused absences.

Although Lamb said attendance was a major factor in the amount of resolutions brought to ASUM, the Senate did pass White's resolution to alter university transcripts.

White said she wrote the resolution because she didn't feel there was sufficient marking on the transcript to show a reader the class was retaken.

"I feel when students have the initiative to retake a course they should be recognized for that," White said.

The resolution called for one of two options to be added to the transcripts to

increase clarity in the reading. The first option required that when students retake a course and pay to have their grade changed, the first grade be expunged from the transcript. Most of the Senate agreed that this option, was unnecessary and needed to be taken out of the resolution.

The Senate accepted the second option which asked that the updated grade be added to the right side of the original grade. A reader would then realize that although a student received a 'D' the first time the course was taken, he received an 'A' the second time. An explanation of the grade designation would then be placed on a portion of the transcript.

Barefoot Baryshnikov



Samuel Anthony/Kaimin

Modern Dance II instructor Amy Ragsdale demonstrates swift footwork to her class on the Oval Wednesday afternoon. Dancers moved to the circular percussion chimes played by staff member Bob Atheary.

Cops bag bandit's Bookstore booty

Nate Schweber
Montana Kaimin

Police discovered about \$1,000 worth of textbooks stashed in an unused locker in the UC this week.

UM police Lt. Charles Gatewood said police are investigating the incident, though they don't have any suspects yet.

UC Bookstore manager Bryan Thornton said he was tipped off to the stolen stash by an employee.

"Clearly they had been stolen," Thornton said. "Either they were stolen or they grew legs."

Thornton said he knows the books were stolen because they were not marked as sold in the store's computer system. The 15 stolen books are now safely back in his office.

Thornton said textbook theft is an ongoing problem. He estimates that up to \$100,000 worth of books get pinched from the Bookstore each year. Thornton added that the figure, while it does impact the Bookstore, is low compared to other book retailers around the country.

"Textbook theft is not an uncommon thing," Thornton said. He added that it increases during this time of year because some thieves nab texts and then try to sell them back during book buy-back.

Thornton said to combat theft, the UC has video cameras and during peak business times they employ extra help to keep watch.

Thornton said it used to be policy that backpacks were not allowed in the store, but the rule was changed. Thornton said it had no effect on thefts.

Thornton said he still doesn't know when the books were stolen or whether a Bookstore employee could have been behind it.

Thornton added that the Bookstore prosecutes all thieves.

UM celebrates students' diversity, achievements

*Honorees recognized for
uniting campus*

Melanthia Mitchell
Montana Kaimin

UM honored 18 students Wednesday for their substantial contributions to cultural diversity at the university.

The eighth annual Diversity Advisory Council Student Achievement Awards Reception and Ceremony was held from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the President's Room in Brantly Hall.

Several years ago, the Board of Regents directed the Montana University System to develop plans to increase the enrollment of ethnically diverse students. In response, President George Dennison established the Diversity Advisory Council, which is made up of students, faculty and staff, to address various diversity issues and programs on campus.

Dean of Students Charles Couture said the Diversity Advisory Council intended the ceremony to highlight diversity among UM students.

"These 18 students, because of their contributions, have made the university a better place," Couture said.

Criteria for a student includes serving as a role model, helping others gain greater understanding of diversity, multiculturalism and academic achievement.

Diversity is a difficult concept for some people to understand, Couture said. There are those who say everything should be recognized as diversity, and Couture agrees, but certain criteria were set to a select group of students to keep the focus somewhat reasonable.

"There is no fine definition for cultural diversity," Couture said. "Diversity is in the eye of the beholder."

Among the UM honorees: a student who actively supported the proposal for same-sex partners' health benefits, a student who counseled peers with chemical dependency problems and a finalist in the Board of Regents' search for a student regent and the editor of the Kaimin.

"These 18 students, because of their contributions, have made the university a better place."

— Charles Couture,
Dean of students

To celebrate the cultural diversity of UM and its students, Couture said that people who work to bring different groups together must be recognized. Diversity is not only a racially-based concept, he said.

At UM, minority ethnic groups comprise six percent of the 11,945 students enrolled as of spring semester. The American

Indian/Alaskan Native population totals 385 students. There are 168 Hispanic students and 111 Asian Pacific Islander students. The African-American student population is 54.

Couture said the reason for these low numbers is because Montana is a rural area. He said that sometimes Montana doesn't appeal to students because of its climate and its lack of population.

"We (UM) are certainly more diverse than the larger state population but that doesn't mean we don't have a long way to go," Couture said.

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Griz offense adapts to new coaching staff

Ryan Divish
Montana Kaimin

New head UM football coach Joe Glenn will admit that he knew a little something about the potent Grizzly offense before coming to Missoula.

That's why, as a new era of Grizzly football is ushered in by Glenn and his staff, the explosive Griz offense will remain refreshingly familiar.

"Offensively, nothing is going to change," Glenn said. "We're going to go with the same system as last year. It was very successful and we've got two coaches from last year's system, which will help."

While the majority of the coaching staff changed, two key offensive coaches return. Sixth-year receivers coach Bill Cockhill and second-year offensive line coach, Chad Germer, opted to stay at UM. They join new offensive coordinator Ron Richards, running backs coach Harvey Patton and tight ends coach Ron Wisniewski.

Fortunately, most of the changes in the Grizzly program occurred off the sidelines. The on-field

personnel remains pretty much intact. The offense returns eight starters and 15 more lettermen to a squad that was first in the Big Sky Conference, averaging 46.4 points per game, 370 yards passing per game and 517 yards of total offense a game.

"When you talk about our offense," Glenn said, "you probably have to start with the quarterback position. We have three kids that can all play right now. Of course, Drew Miller has gotten the lion's share of snaps. Both John Edwards and Nick Walker have looked good."

Miller has looked extremely sharp in practice thus far, Glenn said. The second team

All-American and Payton Award nominee, Miller led the Big Sky in passing at 346 yards per game and 34 touchdown passes. He also completed more than 65 percent of his passes while battling through a plethora of injuries last fall.

According to reports, Miller is healthy this spring.

Edwards pushed past Walker last year into the back-up position with a strong performance against Idaho State. Both have seen extensive playing time and are more than adequate should Miller experience any injuries.

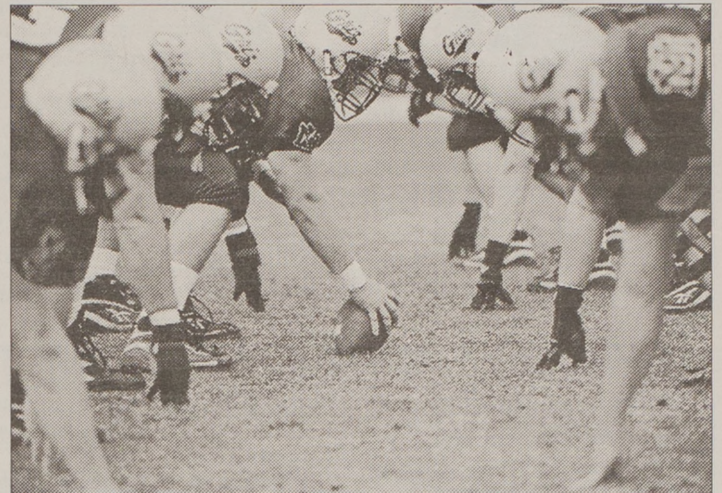
Besides quarterback, the most depth and experience can be found on the offensive line.

"We're definitely very strong there," Glenn said. "We have four of the five interior linemen returning."

The Griz lost NFL hopeful Chase Raynock at left tackle, but seniors Matt Theussen, Kamakana Kaimulua, Leif Thorsen and junior Thatcher Szalay will be back to provide protection for Miller and continue to lead Montana's newfound running game. The only negative so far during spring ball for Glenn was the loss of Scott Kamienski with a knee injury.

"I feel really bad for Scott," Glenn said. "We're going to miss him. But Brian Pelc and Jon Skinner are really battling for that tackle spot."

Perhaps the happiest person to see the majority of the offensive line returning is tailback Yohance Humphery. Humphery broke the Griz single season record for yards with 1,277 last year. Humphery, who also scored 15 touchdowns, will be backed up by sophomore Ben



The Grizzlies offensive team ran drills non-stop in practice Wednesday. The Griz offense returns eight starters and 15 more lettermen.

Drinkwater and Derryl Williams, a transfer from Miami, Fla.

The unit with the most uncertainty is the wide receivers. All-conference and big play wide receiver Jeremy Watkins has graduated, along with fellow all-conference receiver Travis Walker. Both were four-year contributors whose shoes must be filled. Along with the two seniors, the Griz wide receiver depth took a hit when Tighran Delaney, Matt Thompson and Michael Smith left the team.

Only one starter is suited up for spring practice. Senior Jim Farris, who was the Griz second leading receiver in receptions (45), yards (701) and touchdowns (eight), is back to anchor the receiving corps. The other returning starter Tanner Hancock, is recovering from shoulder surgery and not practicing.

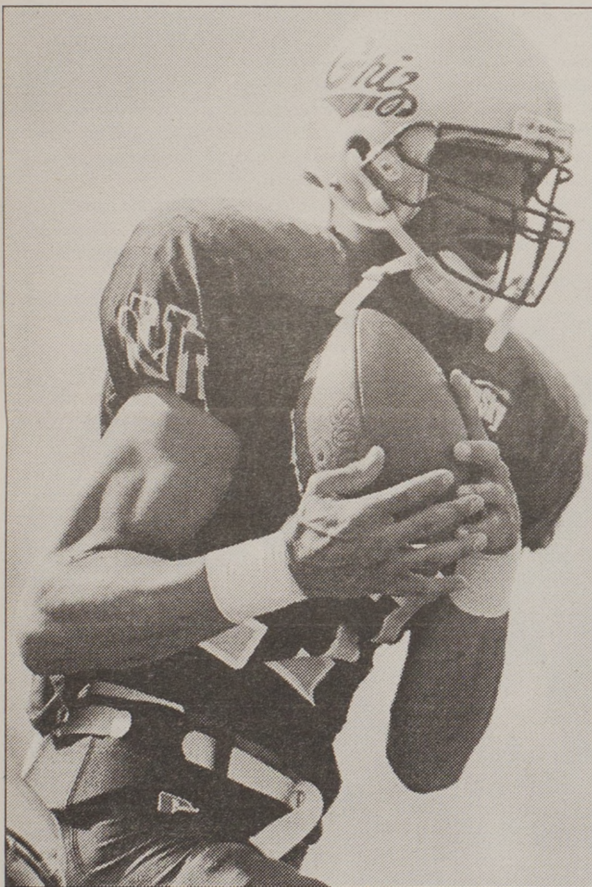
But Glenn expects younger players to step up and fill holes in the position.

Junior Etu Molden and T.J. Oelkers made key contributions last season, but the rest of the group is largely untested. Brock Sunderland and Rory Zikmund are returning letterman who will need to contribute. Perhaps the biggest question surrounds highly touted transfer Michael Westbrook. A defector from BYU, Westbrook was declared academically ineligible for spring practice.

"Our young kids like Oelkers and Sunderland have played well and Molden looks good," Glenn said. "Hopefully we will have Tanner (Hancock) and Westbrook ready to go in the fall."

Glenn said he has been extremely pleased with the spring season and his players.

"You can't say enough about these kids," Glenn said. "They have been working hard every day and made the transition so easily. They're just great kids."



UM wide receiver Etu Molden catches a pass during practice Wednesday. Last season, Molden caught 29 passes and will be one of the top returning receivers for the Griz. The receiver position is the one position that most worries the coaching staff.

Women's rugby flexes its muscles

The Beterside women's rugby team hopes to ride their recent success as they prepare to host their first home invitational this weekend.

The tournament is expected to bring in teams from Kalispell, Spokane and Idaho. The tournament could also help qualify UM for the state championship.

Beterside hopes this weekend's results will be as good as last weekend's, when UM went undefeated and won the Fool's Fest in Spokane, Wash.

Beterside defeated Idaho 10-5 in their first game of the day and then annihilated the Spokane club 50-0. The UM club then took care of Washington State 7-0 and

crushed Bozeman 22-0 in the championship game.

Beterside member Nicki Hasbrouck said the team is coming together quite well for having only played a few games.

"We really meshed this weekend," Hasbrouck said. "After last week in Billings we really came together and played really well."

Beterside opened its season in Billings, Mont., two weeks ago with a shaky start as they 1-2 over the weekend.

The first game of the tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the South Campus Fields.

—Kaimin Sports

FBI says most sports collectibles sold are fake

SAN DIEGO (AP) — At least half, and possibly 90 percent, of the celebrity and sports collectibles sold in the United States are fake, federal authorities say.

An investigation has resulted in charges against 25 people and the seizure of thousands of items with forged autographs, including a baseball supposedly signed by Mother Teresa.

"This is by far the largest memorabilia fraud investigation in the FBI's history," special agent William Gore said Wednesday as authorities put the confiscated goods on display.

Authorities estimate the total U.S. market for autographed memorabilia at about \$1 billion. Fake merchandise is sold over the Internet and

through national catalogues, but also through retailers across the country.

In addition to those already charged, about 40 more probably will be charged in coming months, U.S. Attorney Gregory Vega said.

Merchandise included items with fake autographs from Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jordan, Martin Luther King Jr., Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Mark McGwire and Tony Gwynn.

"People need to be aware that there are going to be people out there trying to take advantage of your kids, of adults, of everybody," Gwynn said.

Some of the items were comically fake, such as the baseball supposedly auto-

graphed by Mother Teresa, Assistant U.S. Attorney Phillip Halpern said Tuesday.

The Operation Bullpen investigation targeted a network of forgers and distributors, as well as people who provided fake authentication documents intended to persuade buyers that the items were legitimate, Halpern said.

The forgery ring was based in Southern California but authorities believe the merchandise was distributed nationwide and beyond. Federal agents seized merchandise, including 10,000 signed baseballs, in California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Florida.

"I would imagine stuff from this ring is in every single state in the country," Halpern said.

Hark, the tax man cometh (two days late)

Nate Schweber
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If life's two certainties are indeed death and taxes, then all U.S. citizens, including UM students, need to file their taxes by April 17.

Bill Roos, district manager of H&R Block, said students need to either file their returns by April 17 or file an extension. Though it sounds simple enough, like the federal budget, there are oodles of stipulations to follow.

Roos said that if a student owes the IRS money, he or she needs to send it in along with their application

for an extension. If someone asking for an extension doesn't send in a large enough part of the total amount they owe, Roos said their request could be considered null and void.

"The IRS thinks you should have a pretty good idea of how much money you owe by April 15," Roos said. "The old days of not having a clue and just taking a guess are gone."

If the IRS owes you money, Roos said you can file late, but he doesn't recommend it. Though the federal government won't penalize you, your home state could.

"We don't recommend you file late without an extension," Roos said.

"For most students it's going to be no problem, but with an entrepreneurial student, they need to file for extension even with refund on their balance."

Roos said Montana residents whom the government owes money won't be penalized by the state if they file for an extension. However, Roos suggests that out-of-state students may need to file a state extension as well. He recommends that out-of-state students check on their home state's web page to see their state tax return form.

For the first time, Roos said, students can now file for an extension by

phone by calling 1-888-272-9829.

Roos said students can pay their balance with their credit card and that it counts as filing a national extension.

Anyone with questions can call H&R Block at 728-3661, the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040 or log on to the IRS Website at www.irs.gov.

"They've got a pretty good website that'll help you with a lot of questions," Roos said.

Roos added that tax filers have two extra days this year because April 15 falls on a Saturday. In this instance, the deadline automatically moves to the following Monday.

Grace says asbestos medical program ready for Libby residents

Shannon Dinninny
Associated Press Writer

HELENA (AP) — W.R. Grace and Co. officials announced Wednesday they have completed a medical program to cover medical expenses for Libby residents diagnosed with asbestos-related diseases.

"This plan is unique. We're excited about it," said Bill Corcoran, Grace's vice president for public and regulatory affairs. "We think we've developed a program that's accessible, really easy to use and nonbureaucratic."

Alan Stringer, the former Libby mine general manager who will be handling the plan enrollment at Grace's Libby office, said ideas to help the Libby victims have been circulating for years.

"We looked at the situation, viewed the needs, and made the announcement in January because we thought it was the

right thing to do," Stringer said. He said news coverage in November didn't create something new, just accelerated it.

The plan covers 100 percent of medical, prescription and pre-approved home health or hospice care for enrolled individuals. Those will include former workers of the Libby vermiculite mine and mill, their spouses and children who lived with them at the time, and Libby residents who lived or worked within a 20-mile radius of the mine or mill for a least a year.

The program also covers the costs of prescribing smoking deterrents, because smoking is known to further aggravate asbestos-related diseases.

"We've discussed this at length with the hospital here, and we've taken a lot of their ideas," Corcoran said in a telephone conference call from Libby. "We consider this a Libby-centric program. People can enroll right there, and it will be retroactive

to Jan. 21, the date Grace announced its intention to create a medical plan."

News reports say at least 192 people have died and more than 375 people have been diagnosed with asbestos-related diseases due to asbestos exposure from the Libby mine. The mine closed in 1990, but more than 100 lawsuits against Grace are still pending in Libby.

A person suing the company still will be eligible if he or she otherwise qualifies, Corcoran said.

Controversy has surrounded the Federal Asbestos Compensation Act, legislation under consideration in Washington, D.C., because opponents believe its medical criteria are too restrictive and would leave out many Libby victims.

Corcoran said the company has not inspected medical records of any of the lawsuits' plaintiffs to see if they meet the plan's medical criteria.

"It's not intended to be restrictive," Corcoran said of the voluntary plan. "It's intended to be generous."

Victims will require a physician's diagnosis of an asbestos-related disease to enroll in the program. No second opinion will be required.

A third-party administrator, Health Network America of New Jersey, will oversee the program.

Roger Sullivan, a Kalispell attorney representing Libby plaintiffs who has been critical of the federal act, would not comment on the medical plan because he had not yet seen it.

Corcoran said the company expects about 200 to 400 people to enroll initially, but the company has no estimate on how much the program will cost.

"We're committed to put into it whatever it's going to be," Corcoran said.

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History

still are peasants and some, he said, "suffer from so much hunger and starvation that they go to bed early in the night just to dream."

Today, with the influence of the Spanish and Africans, Mexico is a very mixed culture, Vigil said. He explained that in the 1920s, many Mexicans started to migrate to the United States in search of work. Many Mexicans, Vigil said, set up "squatter settlements" all around Los Angeles and other cities. This is known as the

Anglo-American Period, a time, Vigil said, when many Mexicans struggled with their identities. But as time has gone by, Mexicans and Mexican-Americans have slowly found their place in society, Vigil said. After the 1960s, the Mexican people were more culturally and racially respected, he added.

"The 1960s outlined the complexity and diversity of trying to determine the Mexican identity," Vigil said.

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Colin Bratton, left, Chris Russell, middle, and Matt Vadenais help out their classmates while trying to use their pieces of rope to tilt the large tin can slowly in order to dump the ball into the smaller can. The three are taking Environmental Perspectives, a class teaching elementary education for children.

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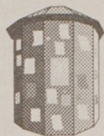


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